



Montgomery County Council

From the Office of Councilmember Phil Andrews

For Immediate Release

March 1, 2004

Contact: Bobbie Walton 240-777-7983

ANDREWS URGES APPROVAL AS GAITHERSBURG COUNCIL ACTS TONIGHT ON RESTAURANT SMOKING BAN

Fiercely conflicted issue to be resolved tonight

Councilmember Phil Andrews, a leading champion of Montgomery County's law to protect restaurant workers and customers from second-hand smoke, today urged the Gaithersburg City Council to follow suit and make that city's restaurants smoke-free.

"The only way to insure that workers and diners in Gaithersburg restaurants enjoy protection from second-hand smoke is to approve a smoke-free restaurant law tonight," said Councilmember Andrews. "It just makes good sense."

Just last week the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce added its voice in support of the measure, arguing for uniformity with the County law, which went into effect last October. The municipalities of Rockville and Takoma Park have since approved the measure.

###

**N
E
W
S

R
E
L
E
A
S
E**